

## DOCTOR POISONED BY ANGRY HUSBAND

### Police Believe This Solution of the Mystery.

#### SUSPECTED COUPLE WEALTHY

Bottle of Drugged Ale Sent to Physician in Hope that It Would Wipe Out His Family—Diabolical Canning Used in Preparing for Effort to Carry Out the Plot.

Philadelphia, June 29.—Cyanide of potassium, which had been placed with fenshish cunning in the ale he stepped shortly before he was fatally stricken on last Friday night, caused the death of Dr. William H. Wilson, of 819 North Seventh street, it was established late today by the coroner's office and the autopsy.

The bottle which contained the death-dealing beverage had been sent by express to the physician's house three days before he opened it by a man and a woman, the police assert, who, actuated by motives of revenge and hatred, deliberately plotted to destroy him, his wife, and their beautiful five-year-old daughter Vera.

To throw the physician off his guard, the couple whom the police suspect of murdering him previously sent him a fraudulent circular letter, signed by a well-known Philadelphia brewing firm, in which it was stated that a bottle of valuable for its medicinal properties was being forwarded to him, as to other members of his profession, in the hope that he and they might prescribe it for their patients.

The coroner's office and the police at once discovered that the brewing firm (the Schemm Company), whose name was used by the murderers, not only does not brew ale, but does not use the form of circular Dr. Wilson received.

So carefully did the plotters lay their plans to kill the physician that they had the name of the brewing firm printed upon a sheet of paper and then used a typewriter to fill out the circular letter which they addressed to Dr. Wilson.

The motive for the murder is as strange as the methods used to accomplish it. Dr. Wilson, according to the police, had, besides his large and reputable practice, an illegitimate one. Some of the richest and best-known women in Philadelphia are said to have been his patients.

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While the police were reticent regarding the identity of the poisoners it is understood that both are wealthy and well known, and are probably husband and wife. Around them the coroner's office and the police are weaving a strong web of circumstantial evidence.

#### MINISTER TO DEFEND SELF.

##### Rev. Gilbert F. Williams Will Answer His Enemies' Charges.

Rev. Gilbert F. Williams, who was deposed by an ecclesiastical court of the Episcopal Church in this city several years ago for alleged nonobservance of the church canons, will make a public address at the Masonic Temple on Thursday morning, in which he will defend himself against the court's action.

#### LUNA PARK VAUDEVILLE.

##### Splendid Bill Presented at the Resort This Week.

The opening performance of the week's vaudeville bill at Luna Park yesterday was all the patrons of that popular resort could possibly desire in the way of worth and amusement. Mark Sullivan's clever mimicry was especially enjoyable, and was met with enthusiasm from start to finish. Mr. Sullivan proved a top-liner.

The Healy duo a bright, catchy turn which was above the usual acts of the kind, and are an excellent feature of the week. Genial Tom Waters, who has already, in a previous engagement, proved himself an able funmaker, gave the audience some side-splitting entertainment and demonstrated his versatility. Francis Wood gave an interesting exhibition of what can be done with a number of hoops.

The Swedish Jap Panzer have an act that is little short of marvelous, being a series of remarkable feats of hand-and-foot juggling seldom equaled. Jordan and Breiman have an excellent character turn which well merits the applause they received.

#### Minister to Persia Coming Home.

John B. Jackson, American Minister to Persia, has applied to the State Department for leave of absence. He will probably return to the United States to make a verbal report to the officials of the State Department upon political conditions in Persia. His application for leave is regarded at the State Department as being an indication that the recent disorders in Tehran are ended. During Mr. Jackson's absence the legation will be in charge of John Tyler, legation interpreter.

#### A New Addition to Open Up.

An announcement was made Sunday last of the opening by Mr. S. N. Widup of the real estate offices formerly occupied by Swartzell, Rheem & Hensey, 506 F street northeast.

Mr. Widup has been operating Washington suburban property for several months past, and has met with great success—in fact, his business has grown to such an extent that he has secured 400 acres of choice suburban properties, mostly located in the northern section of the District.

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## FAIRBANKS STILL IN FIELD.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 29.—Charles Warren Fairbanks will be a candidate for President four years hence.

In a letter written to the Hon. George A. Laughlin, of this city, one of the delegates-at-large from West Virginia to the Chicago convention, who voted for the Indian for Vice President, Mr. Fairbanks says:

"I desire to extend my deep appreciation of your kindness in casting your vote for me for Vice President at the Chicago convention. I take this means of expressing my gratitude, but I am glad the nomination was not given me, as I do not feel like undergoing the siege of another campaign at just this time, but will retire during the next four years to the practice of law.

"You may keep this as a memento of my appreciation, and remember me four years hence."

## WATCH BRYAN.

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tion by Democratic leaders, but they contend that he did not learn enough to make him see the danger of advancing untied "isms."

This view is borne out by the present attitude of "the peerless leader" in attacking the Republican party for having rejected La Follette's plank for the physical valuation of railroads; the election of Senators and the election of the people, and the publication of the names of contributors to campaign funds. It is said by some Democrats here to-day that, although the Nebraska Democratic platform, which Mr. Bryan wrote, contained endorsement of the political doctrines advocated by Senator La Follette, it was doubtful if Mr. Bryan would lay as much stress on the importance of these things as he would have laid had they been contained in the Republican national platform.

**Tax Planks an Opportunity.**  
It is doubtful, according to some Democrats here, if Mr. Bryan would have stood sponsor for an income tax and an inheritance tax if these planks of his own and Mr. Roosevelt's had been endorsed by the Chicago platform. Now he finds that it was criminal neglect to omit them from the declaration of principles adopted by the Republican party's representatives.

Knowing these things and having some recent knowledge of Mr. Bryan's purposes with reference to the platform to stand at Chicago, the Democrats here, besides his large and reputable practice, an illegitimate one. Some of the richest and best-known women in Philadelphia are said to have been his patients.

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**Stronger Position Than Taft's.**  
But under his present plan of insisting upon placing in the Denver platform all the Roosevelt and La Follette planks which the Republicans ignored, with little if any hope that they will be adopted, he will have the advantage over Mr. Taft, according to the viewpoint of some of his political associates, of being able to say to the voters that while the Denver convention failed to accept his advice, he had personally stood steadfastly for these principles while Mr. Taft had not.

That this thought has been in Mr. Bryan's mind for a long time is indicated by his constant insistence that the man is superior to all other consideration in the coming campaign. Josiah Quincy, of Boston, Assistant Secretary of State under President Cleveland, and the State's last Cabinet, has had a number of talks with Mr. Bryan at Lincoln on the platform and other matters. Mr. Quincy passed through this city to-day on his way to Colorado Springs. He holds the proxy of ex-Gov. William A. Gaston, Massachusetts' national committeeman.

**Quincy to Be a Factor.**  
Mr. Quincy, it is stated, is to be an important factor in this convention, and it is added that he and Col. Waterson have been mighty close to Bryan on platform matters. Then, too, influential members of the Democratic National Committee declare in utter candor that they do not propose to have Gompers run this convention. They intend to do that themselves.

Ex-Representative John Lamb is to be Indiana's representative on the committee on resolutions, and Senator McCready is to speak for Kentucky. Frank B. Katzenbach is to be New Jersey's member of the committee. While Ollie James, Bryan's fast friend, is to be chairman of the Kentucky delegation, Senator McCready is to be its spokesman on the resolutions committee, and McCready is not of the Ollie James type of statesman. Ex-Representative Lamb is so disgusted over his defeat for United States Senator that he is not to attend this convention, it is said.

Chairman Taggart said to-day: "I firmly believe our platform is to be conservative and safe and sound."

**Colorado Not for Plank.**  
Ex-Gov. Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado, is to be that State's representative on the resolutions committee, and he reiterated to-day what he has frequently said of late, that he would oppose an anti-injunction plank to the last ditch, Colorado, with its labor troubles and the shadow of the labor troubles of Idaho hanging over it, does not view with complacency the demands of Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Roger C. Sullivan is to be chairman of the Illinois delegation, and the State's member of the committee on resolutions will be one of the following: Samuel Alschuler, Mayor Fred J. Kern, Col. F. H. Morris, Judge Carroll C. Buge, William B. Brenton, or Gen. E. Brennan.

Mr. Sullivan said: "I yield to no man in my allegiance to the Democratic party. Democracy, according to my lights, is a constitutional government administered impartially on the theory of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Under the Federal Constitution this political faith guarantees the rights of the sovereign States, which is in substance the principle of home rule. It means that the individual shall have every liberty and opportunity in the pursuit of happiness that can be given him without injuring others, and that this principle, amplified, shall apply to the town, city, or State."

**"Rich" the Party Watchword.**  
"A Democrat asks concerning measures only one question—Are they right? He sets aside as secondary the consideration of how many votes these measures will bring the candidates of the party. Democracy stands for honesty as against expediency, and for loyalty to principle as against chasing the fads and fancies of the hour. A Democrat opposes the creation of class hatred. He realizes that there are under the law no rich men and no poor men. The Democratic party is composed of American citizens of equal rights and authority in councils. Appeals to the distinction of race or wealth are to be expected from political organizations out of harmony with the American Constitution. Appeals to the unfortunate is also out of harmony with the American Constitution. Democracy, as I understand it, does not believe that the possession of property is a crime. Neither have a place in the Democratic party."

**Johnson is Emphatic.**  
Minnesota Man Declares He Wants First Place or Nothing.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 29.—Declaring that the story sent out from Denver that he would open up headquarters in that city and be among those present to fish for delegates, was a bare-faced falsehood, and that he had no ambition to serve as Vice President of the United States, Gov. J. A. Johnson this afternoon did his best to explode at least a portion of the cloud of rumors which persist in surrounding his candidacy for first place on the Denver ticket.

"I am not going to Denver," said Gov. Johnson, "but I will be represented there. I propose to tend to my own knitting, and run the State of Minnesota in the best possible course, and do a little Chautauque work on the side."

"If Bryan is the choice of the convention, will you seek recognition in the national party by agreeing to accept the Vice Presidential nomination?"

"No, no," he said, hurriedly. "I am a candidate for the Presidential nomination of my party. If I do not get it I am not a candidate for anything else. My friends strictly understand this point."

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## OHIOANS VISIT TAFT

### Members of Association Greet Him in Office.

#### SMILE WOULD NOT COME OFF

Republican Presidential Nominee Beamed with Joy, and He Called Many of His Visitors by Their Names—Delegation Introduced by W. P. Holden—Wore Taft Buttons.

Shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and just as William Howard Taft, Republican Presidential nominee and retiring Secretary of War, was leaving his office in the War Department, more than 100 Ohioans, consisting of men and women, appeared before him and held him captive until he had been congratulated by and shaken the hand of every member of the party.

These loyal sons and daughters of the "Backus State" were members of the Ohio Republican Society of the District of Columbia, and as one member put it: "We just called on the Secretary to-day to pay our respects, but on November 3 we will show him how we love him, by going home and voting for him."

**Called Them by Name.**  
Secretary Taft knew many of the guests, and he greeted them by their names. By the expression on his face and the broad smile he wore when he called their names out, he showed that while he had not seen many of them for years, he still remembered them. There were several strangers in the delegation, and these William P. Holden introduced to the Secretary.

When the Secretary's eye lighted upon George P. Dunham, far back in the crowd, he called out to him to come nearer, saying that he had not seen him for some time, and he was glad to see him.

The party assembled in front of the office of the Auditor of the War Department, after which they marched around to Mr. Taft's office in a body. In company with Secretary Taft were Gen. Edwards, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Taft's private secretary, and Mr. Scofield, chief clerk of the War Department.

While the Secretary was chatting with friends, one of the messenger boys in his office found some Taft buttons somewhere, and gave them to T. M. Sullivan, Secretary of the Ohio Society, and he in turn, gave them to the delegation, and before the party left, Mr. Taft had the satisfaction of seeing his smiling countenance on the coat of every man and on some of the women, too.

**Some of the Visitors.**  
Among those present were: James W. Baily, J. H. Hester, George P. Dunham, Sidney J. Howell, Charles Morris, Fletcher White, R. J. Harlan, Robert Wood, Frank Kearney, L. W. Kearney, J. Q. Kern, J. M. Miller, J. Y. Jamieson, Charles Miller, Sidney J. Perkins, William Crowell, Butterworth Crowell, H. R. Hibbs, Mr. Lewis, Mr. House, Mr. Hawthorne, H. G. Gram, Mr. Walker, T. M. Sullivan, Henry P. Holden, Dr. Coleman, Mr. Gromer, Mr. Edward Pettis, H. H. Lockwood, Mr. Perdue.

**SEEKS SHERMAN'S PLACE.**  
Bankers Would Come to Congress from New York District.

Utica, N. Y., June 29.—Charles S. Millington, president of the Herkimer National Bank and a delegate to the recent Republican national convention, was today put forth by the Republicans of Herkimer County as their candidate for the Congressional nomination in the Onondaga-Herkimer district, in succession to James S. Sherman, of this city, who has been nominated for Vice President.

Mr. Millington is the immediate choice of the Herkimer Republicans, and will be acceptable, it is believed, to the leaders of Onondaga County and of the district.

**UGLY SITUATION**  
**CONFRONTS TAFT**  
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were tendered Mr. Meyer he would feel obliged to decline it. He prefers to retain his position in the Cabinet.

Frank H. Hitchcock returned to Washington yesterday. Although he has not seen Secretary Taft since long before the Chicago convention, he did not call on the nominee. Mr. Hitchcock declined to discuss the chairmanship. He would not say whether, in the face of his withdrawal on account of his health, he would enlist in the service if drafted. He asked to be excused.

"Have you seen Mr. Hitchcock since his return?" Secretary Taft was asked last night.

"I have not," replied the Secretary, "and do not expect to see or talk with him until I am a private citizen."

Mr. Taft retired from the War Department at noon today, when he will turn the portfolio over to his successor, Gen. Luke E. Wright.

Various interpretations were placed upon Secretary Taft's remark as to Mr. Hitchcock. One was that Mr. Taft, disassociated from the Roosevelt administration, would feel freer in making a choice of a campaign manager.

Mr. Taft was feeling good when he received the newspaper men. "I don't think there is much news to-day," he said. "We have had a number of political conferences. Some of my Ohio friends have been here, and I expect Mr. Vorys on Wednesday."

Mr. Taft admitted the chairmanship had been discussed; would give no details as to the visit of Messrs. Brown, Williams, and Guilbert, and declined to tell why he had asked Mr. Vorys to come to Washington.

Charles P. Taft disavowed the report that he might be named chairman. He struck him as a joke when the subject was mentioned. "I wouldn't have it for anything," he said. "It's too much like work."

He said that before the convention he had helped Brother Bill along, but that from now on Brother Bill was in charge of things.

Formal announcement was made by Secretary Taft that his conference with members of the Republican National Committee and James S. Sherman, the Vice Presidential nomination, to talk over the chairmanship, would be held at Hot Springs, Va. Hot Springs stands high as a summer resort. Mr. Taft was disinclined to return to Washington next week, and he wired the members of the committee that if agreeable to them he would prefer to see them at the Virginia resort. Accordingly, the change of plan was made, and the announcement of the new chairman of the national committee will be made from the mountains.

Mr. Taft is undecided as to the character of the campaign he will make. The burden of advice he gets is against swinging around the circle. The indications are he will deliver speeches from the front porch in Cincinnati, making an occasional trip as the exigencies of the campaign may require.

Mr. Taft will receive his formal notification of the Presidential nomination at Cincinnati on or about July 2. The Tafts expect to leave here for Hot Springs on Friday.

## ELKS GO ON OUTING.

Washington Members Join Baltimoreans at Riverview.

The Elks of Washington Lodge, No. 15, left this city yesterday evening for Baltimore, to accompany the Elks of Baltimore Lodge, No. 7, on an outing to Riverview Park, last night. More than forty members left here at 6 o'clock on the new electric railway. Many of the wives of the members accompanied them.

Those in the party were: Frank A. Kidd, Joseph V. Hearny, Thomas J. King, Dr. C. F. Hadfield, James Duane, Bertha S. Wood, Deveda R. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones, Mrs. R. F. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Galbreath, Charles C. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Van Fleet, Trevaunt Williams, Balsey F. Sauter, P. E. McKenna, and Mrs. F. A. Franey, Mrs. Nellie Wiley, E. E. Hoffman, Dr. Henry Haller, M. Huch, C. Norris, T. C. Parsons, J. C. Wood, I. M. Wright, J. M. Becker, J. A. Kapf, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee, W. H. Douglas, A. J. Hess, W. F. Morrison, E. B. Van Fleet, George Sand, F. Farrel, J. Krener, C. P. Stohlman, W. F. Ruckert, and Fred Wagner.

The party returned to Washington after midnight.

**"ERMINIE" AT THE NATIONAL.**  
Miss Hall at Head of Company in Tunesful Opera.

To the veteran theater-goer it must have seemed like a fine harking back to the old days to hear "Erminie" sung as it was last night by the Aborn Opera Company, with, for the money, Pauline Hall at the head of the company. It is by her singing of this tunesful opera, by Edward Jacobowski that Miss Hall first won the hold on the American public which she has ever since retained—even through long seasons of vaudeville, where she has made known the famous "Lullaby" song to many audiences that have never heard the whole opera. It was she, too, who won the greatest triumph of the "revival" of "Erminie," some years ago, when Francis Wilson supplied the comedy element.

The years have passed; they have touched Pauline Hall lightly, and "Erminie" is not at all. Its humor has slightly antiquated air; there are a few too many laborious puns for this day, but still the story of the opera retains its charm; its music is still fresh and captivating, and they are not writing operas like this nowadays.

To the credit of the Aborn Opera Company it must be said that "Erminie" is put on as lavishly as if it were not only going to stay a week. It is evident that the company has been painstakingly drilled; the chorus is large and tunesful, well costumed, and good to look at.

There is surely no need, at this late day, of retelling the story of "Erminie." The book, by Harry Paulson, owes more than a bit to "Robert Macaire," but the old theme is worked in a new way, and it is interesting to see how the two escaped galleons birds, through the clumsy interference, save Erminie from a hateful marriage, and throw her into the arms of the man she loves.

Miss Pauline Hall, who sang an interesting off the honors of this revival, carries her voice more mature than once it was, it is still resonant, musical, charming, and her solos, especially the "Lullaby," were most liberally encored. Last night witnessed the return to the company of an old favorite, Mr. Harold Blake, who in the part of Eugene, found work well within his compass, and evidently much to his liking.

His best chance came with the familiar "Shine On, Silver Moon," in the second act, a love song of great beauty, and he sang it very well. Miss Carrie Reynolds, as Javotte, made a good deal out of her part, and in the first act sang an interpolated number, "All the Boys Look Good to Me," in a way to win lots of applause. She has a piquant manner and is a graceful dancer. The comedy was largely furnished, of course, through the characters of Ravennes and Cadeaux, played by Forest Huff and Charles W. Meyer, both of them excellent. Mr. Dixie Crane, in "The Glory of a Soldier," had a chance to display the qualities of a barytone voice, which he uses with skill. Others among the principals who contributed much to the excellence of the performance were Phil Branson, as Brabant; Huntington May, as de Ponvert; Hattie Arnold, who was very funny as the Princess, and Sol Solomon, as Simon.

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**BONDS FOR ROADS TO ISSUE.**  
Maryland Officials Authorize Raising of \$5,000,000 by State.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Annapolis, Md., June 29.—Gov. Crothers attended a meeting of the board of public works here to-day, and after a protracted discussion, the preliminary arrangements for the issue of \$5,000,000 of bonds, as authorized by the good roads act passed at the last session of the legislature for the construction of State highways was made.

Dr. Joshua W. Herring, comptroller of the State treasury, was authorized to prepare the certificates for the bond issue. The first issue of the bonds will be for \$1,000,000. Bids will be invited to be resolved before noon of August 1, and the board of public works will meet in Annapolis on that day to consider them.

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